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In re Application of :
Case et al. :
Application No. 09/191,256 :
Filed: November 12, 1998 :
Attorney Docket No. SA9-98-160 :

ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed August 25, 2003, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

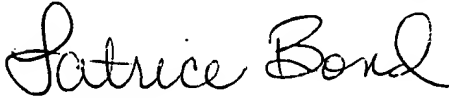
The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply within the meaning of 37 CFR 1.113 in a timely manner in reply to the final Office action mailed December 18, 2002, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three months. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 have been obtained. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on March 19, 2003.

There is no indication that the person signing the instant petition was ever given a power of attorney or authorization of agent to prosecute the above-identified application. However, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.34(a), the signature of Brian C. Kunzler appearing on the petition shall constitute a representation to the United States Patent and Trademark Office that he is authorized to represent the particular party in whose behalf he acts. However, if Brian C. Kunzler desires to receive future correspondence regarding this application, the appropriate power of attorney or authorization of agent must be submitted. A courtesy copy of this decision is being mailed to petitioner. Nevertheless, all future correspondence regarding this application file will be directed solely to the address of record until otherwise instructed.

The two-month period for filing an appeal brief in triplicate (accompanied by the fee required by 37 CFR 1.17(c)), runs from the date of this decision.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Latrice Bond at (703) 308-6911.

The application file is being forwarded to Technology Center AU 2154.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Latrice Bond".

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